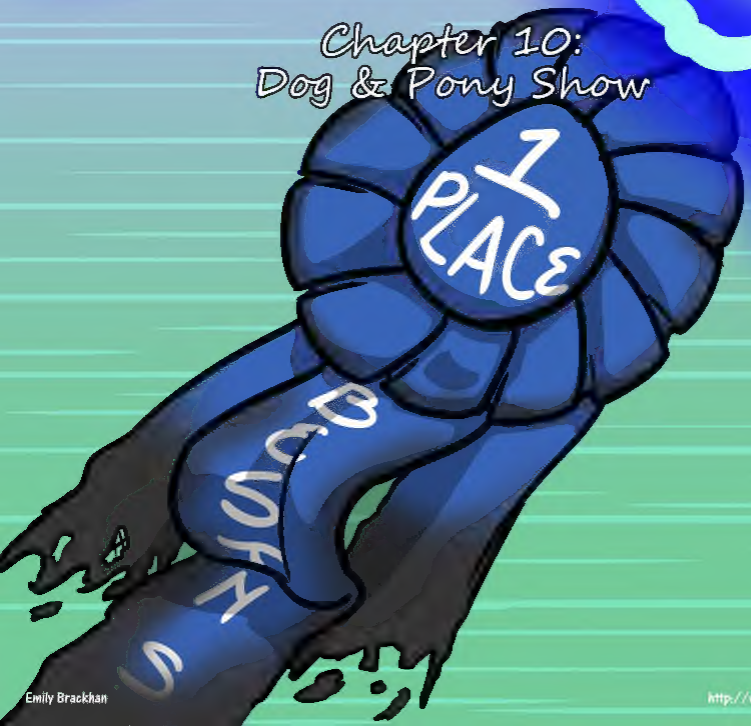
# BLITZ PHOENIX

## Chapter 10: Dog & Pony Show

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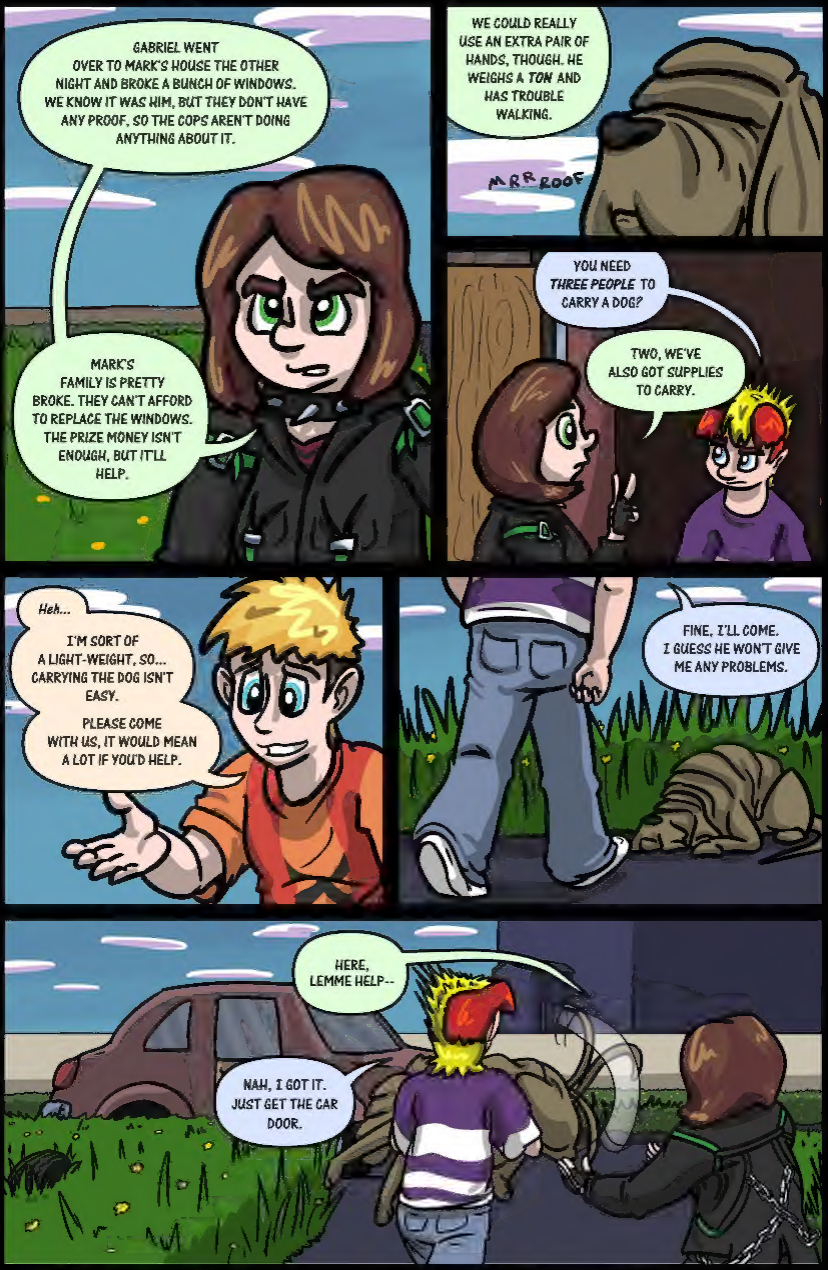
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
YEH AWAKE YET, ASSHOLE?
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
GIT TH' FUCK UP, THUNDAH-THIGHS! THEY'S TWO LESBIANS AT TH' DOOR LOOKIN' F'R YA!
... huwha?
-FFLP-
OH.
HIIIIIII TERRRYYYYYYY!

YOUR DAD'S AN ASSHOLE.
HE'S MY UNCLE.
FINE, YOUR UNCLE'S AN ASSHOLE.
DON'T RESPOND OR MAKE DIRECT EYE CONTACT WITH HIM. HE'LL GET BORED AND LEAVE YOU ALONE.
WHATEVER. ARE YOU READY TO GO?
GO WHERE?
THERE'S A LOCAL DOG SHOW TODAY, SO WE'RE GOING TO GO WIN IT.
FLATBROOK ANNUAL OG SHOW!
THERE'S A CASH PRIZE IF WE CAN GET FIRST.
CASH PRIZES F
- BEST OF VARI
- BEST TRICK!
- BEST DRESSED!
- MOST CUDDLY!
AND MANY MOR
DOG SHOW?
OH NO, I'M NOT GOING. I HATE DOGS.
WHAT?! HOW CAN YOU HATE DOGS? NO ONE HATES DOGS!

YOU WON'T EVEN HAVE TO GET NEAR THE OTHER DOGS, JUST MINE.
DID YOU NOT HEAR ME?
SCARFS IS SUPER FRIENDLY THOUGH! HE'S NOT GOING TO HURT YOU OR ANYTHING!
YOU'LL NEVER WIN.
DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER.
BUT YOU'RE TAKING HIM TO A CONTEST TO BE JUDGED.
YEAH, HE'LL BE IN THE TRICKS CATEGORY. HE'S GOT SOME COOL THINGS I TAUGHT HIM AND I'M SURE HE CAN GET FIRST.
AND WE REALLY NEED THE PRIZE MONEY.
FOR WHAT?


GABRIEL WENT OVER TO MARK'S HOUSE THE OTHER NIGHT AND BROKE A BUNCH OF WINDOWS. WE KNOW IT WAS HIM, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF, SO THE COPS AREN'T DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
MARK'S FAMILY IS PRETTY BROKE. THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO REPLACE THE WINDOWS. THE PRIZE MONEY ISN'T ENOUGH, BUT IT'LL HELP.
WE COULD REALLY USE AN EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS, THOUGH. HE WEIGHS A *TON* AND HAS TROUBLE WALKING.
MRR ROOF
YOU NEED *THREE PEOPLE* TO CARRY A DOG?
TWO, WE'VE ALSO GOT SUPPLIES TO CARRY.
*Heh...*
I'M SORT OF A LIGHT-WEIGHT, SO... CARRYING THE DOG ISN'T EASY.
PLEASE COME WITH US, IT WOULD MEAN A LOT IF YOU'D HELP.
FINE, I'LL COME. I GUESS HE WON'T GIVE ME ANY PROBLEMS.
HERE, LEMME HELP--
NAH, I GOT IT. JUST GET THE CAR DOOR.

SEE? THIS ISN'T THAT BAD. NOTHING TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT. JUST A BUNCH OF REGULAR PEOPLE WITH REGULAR DOGS.
NONE OF THESE DOGS LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE ONES AT THE LAB...
ARP ARP ARF
AAAH!!
GET OFF
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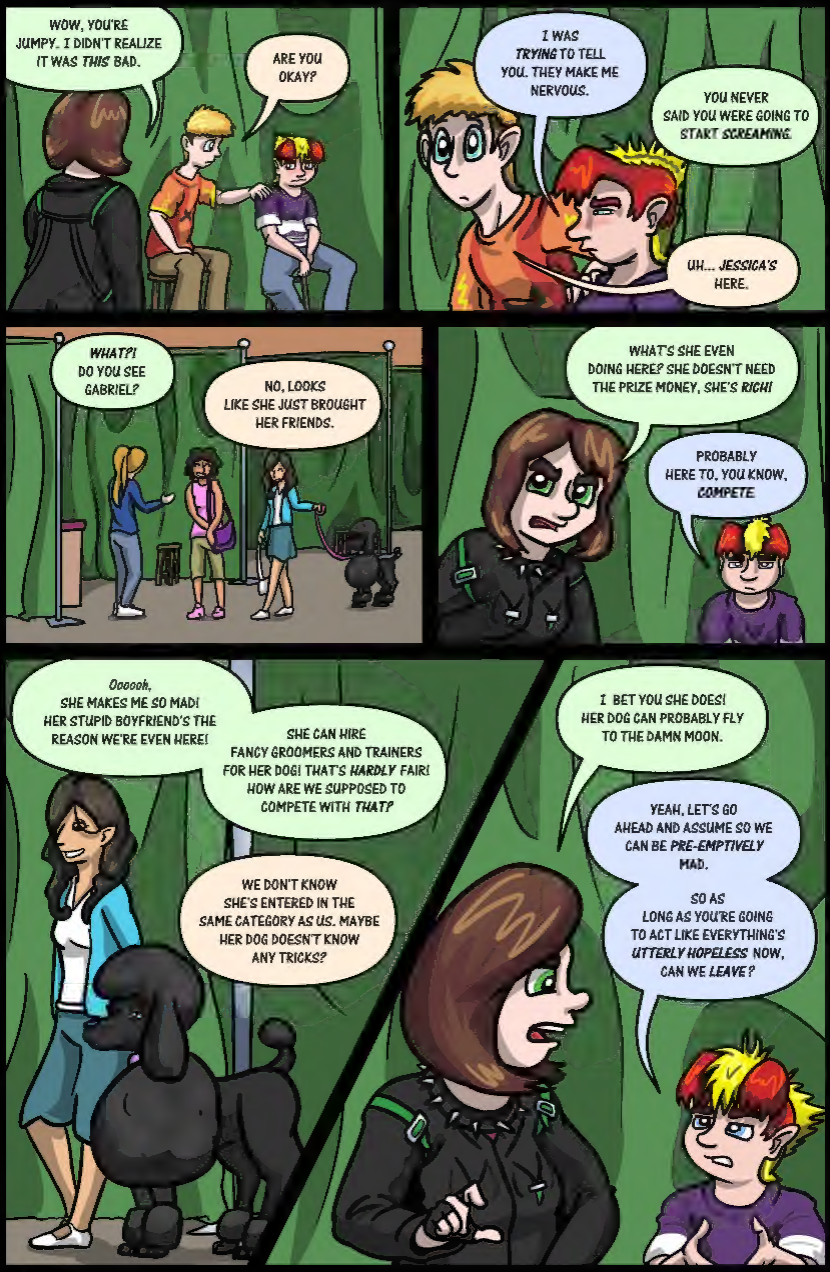
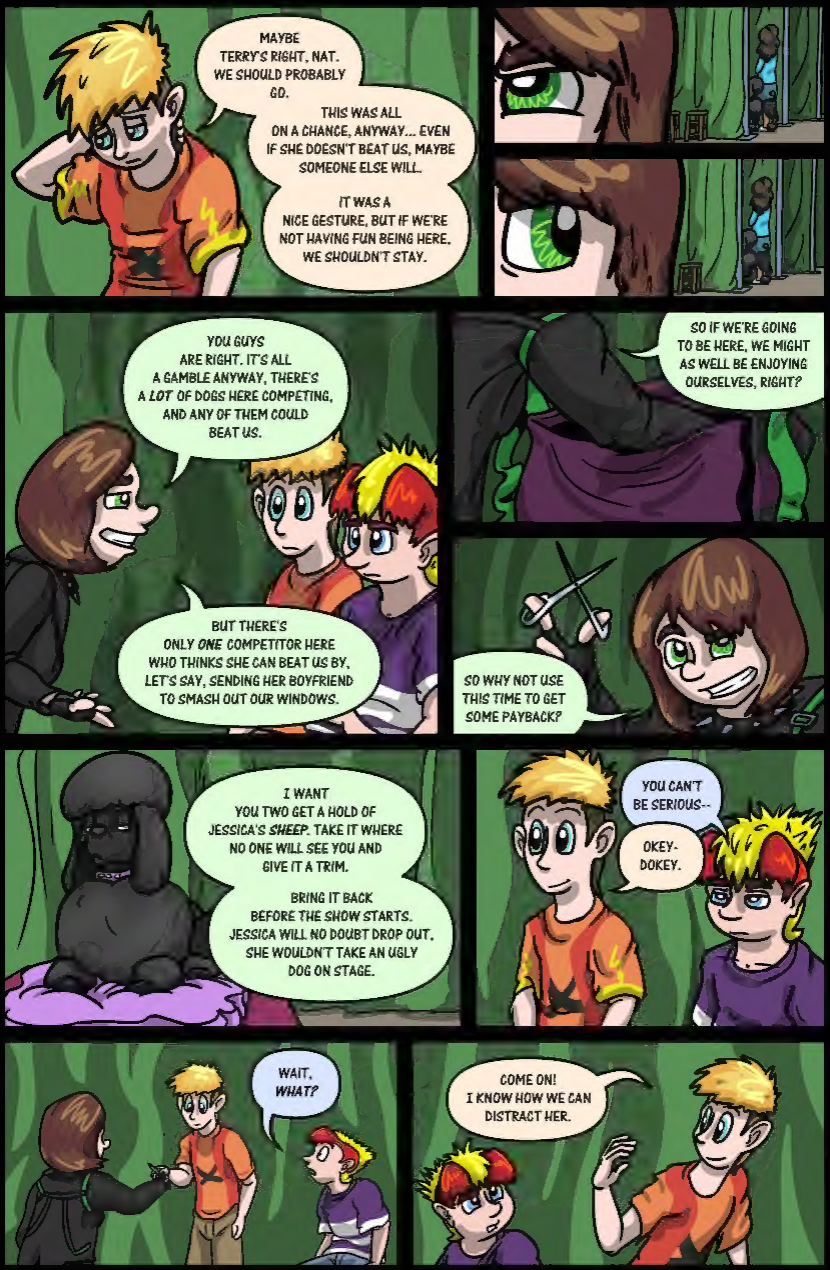
WHOA, DOWN GIRL!
SORRY, MAN! SHE'S NORMALLY SO GOOD!
IT'S... FINE. NO PROBLEM.


WOW, YOU'RE JUMPY. I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS *THIS* BAD.
ARE YOU OKAY?
I WAS *TRYING* TO TELL YOU. THEY MAKE ME NERVOUS.
YOU NEVER SAID YOU WERE GOING TO START *SCREAMING*.
UH... *JESSICA'S* HERE.
*WHAT?!* DO YOU SEE GABRIEL?
NO, LOOKS LIKE SHE JUST BROUGHT HER FRIENDS.
WHAT'S SHE EVEN DOING HERE? SHE DOESN'T NEED THE PRIZE MONEY, *SHE'S RICH!*
PROBABLY HERE TO, YOU KNOW, *COMPETE*.
*Oooooh*, SHE MAKES ME SO MAD! HER STUPID BOYFRIEND'S THE REASON WE'RE EVEN HERE!
SHE CAN HIRE FANCY GROOMERS AND TRAINERS FOR HER DOG! THAT'S *HARDLY* FAIR! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO COMPETE WITH *THAT*?
WE DON'T KNOW SHE'S ENTERED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS *US*. MAYBE HER DOG DOESN'T KNOW ANY TRICKS?
I BET YOU SHE DOES! HER DOG CAN PROBABLY FLY TO THE DAMN MOON.
YEAH, LET'S GO AHEAD AND ASSUME SO WE CAN BE *PRE-EMPTIVELY* MAD.
SO AS LONG AS YOU'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE EVERYTHING'S *UTTERLY HOPELESS* NOW, CAN WE *LEAVE*?


MAYBE TERRY'S RIGHT, NAT. WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO.
THIS WAS ALL ON A CHANCE, ANYWAY... EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T BEAT US, MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE WILL.
IT WAS A NICE GESTURE, BUT IF WE'RE NOT HAVING FUN BEING HERE, WE SHOULDN'T STAY.
YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT. IT'S ALL A GAMBLE ANYWAY, THERE'S A LOT OF DOGS HERE COMPETING, AND ANY OF THEM COULD BEAT US.
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE COMPETITOR HERE WHO THINKS SHE CAN BEAT US BY, LET'S SAY, SENDING HER BOYFRIEND TO SMASH OUT OUR WINDOWS.
SO IF WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE, WE MIGHT AS WELL BE ENJOYING OURSELVES, RIGHT?
SO WHY NOT USE THIS TIME TO GET SOME PAYBACK?
I WANT YOU TWO GET A HOLD OF JESSICA'S SHEEP. TAKE IT WHERE NO ONE WILL SEE YOU AND GIVE IT A TRIM.
BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS. JESSICA WILL NO DOUBT DROP OUT, SHE WOULDN'T TAKE AN UGLY DOG ON STAGE.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS--
OKEY-DOKEY.
WAIT, WHAT?
COME ON! I KNOW HOW WE CAN DISTRACT HER.

Dog Show
Auction
EXCUSE ME, I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE NAMED JESSICA HARPER, SHE'S COMPETING HERE TODAY. COULD YOU PAGE HER FOR ME?
SURE.
JESSICA HARPER, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT DESK.
WAS THAT FOR ME? THAT'S WEIRD.
COULD YOU WATCH MY DOG FOR ME?
OF COURSE!
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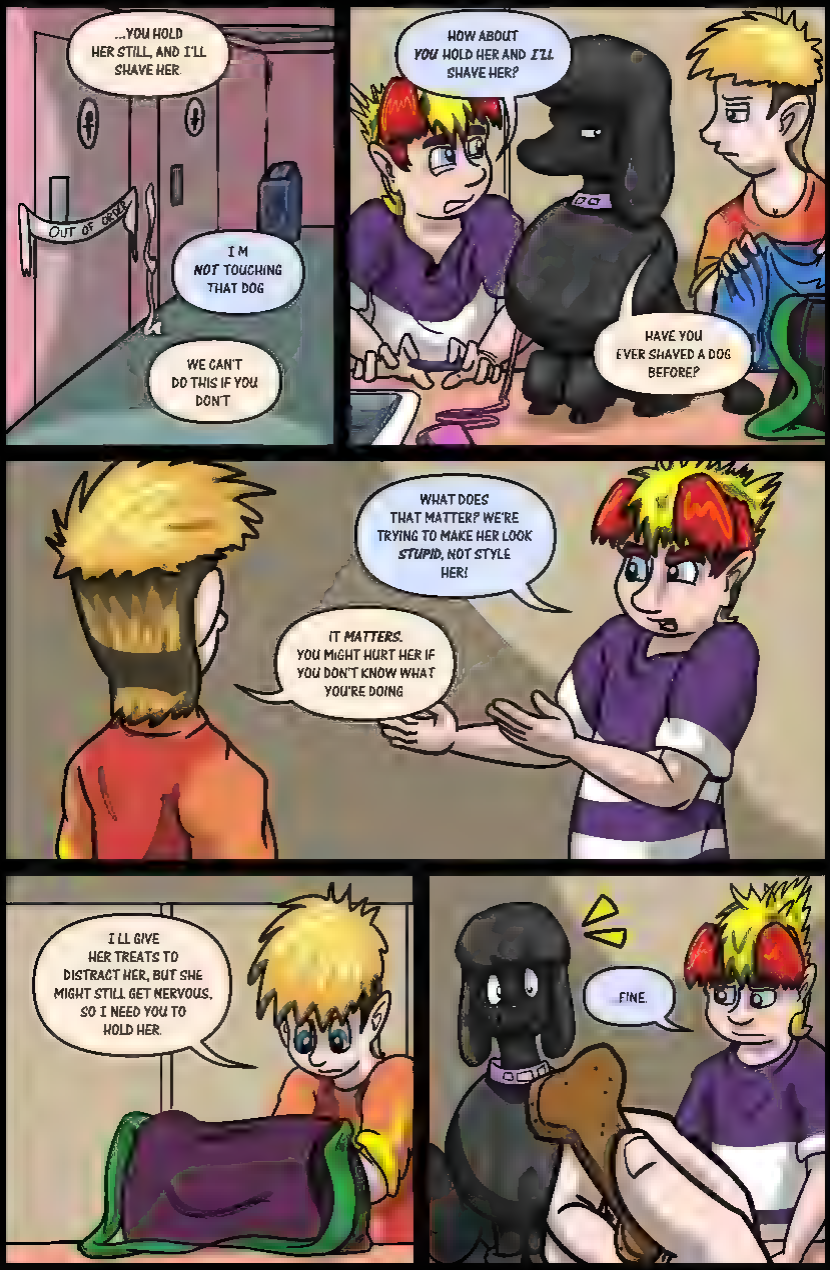
Dog Show
Volunteers
shirts + Caps

VOLUNTEER STAFF
HI THERE!
STAFF
I'M REALLY SORRY TO DO THIS, BUT IT SEEMS THIS DOG MISSED ONE OF THE REQUIRED INSPECTIONS WHEN YOU CAME IN!
COULD I TAKE HER FOR A MINUTE TO GET HER SQUARED AWAY? WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO DISQUALIFY HER!
OH, SURE!
THANK YOU! THIS WON'T TAKE LONG
GOT HER
I SAW SOME BATHROOMS DOWN THIS HALL THAT ARE CLOSED.
STAFF
GREAT, THAT SHOULD WORK.
STAFF
MARK.
HOW COME YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS?

NAT WANTS TO
AND THAT MAKES IT OKAY TO YOU?
STAFF
WELL, NO. IT'S NOT RIGHT, BUT IT'S ALSO NOT THAT BAD. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE HURTING OR STEALING THE DOG.
YOU JUST DON'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO DO THIS SORT OF THING.
I NORMALLY WOULDN'T
SO IT'S JUST BECAUSE NATALYA WANTS TO. THEN SHE SHOULD BE THE ONE OUT HERE WITH THIS DOG, RIGHT?
SHE HAS TO STAY WITH HER OWN DOG.
DOES THIS REALLY BOTHER YOU?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE DOG, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS JUST GOING TO MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR US.
THE WHOLE REASON WE'RE HERE IS BECAUSE NAT WANTS TO HELP AFTER GABRIEL WAS A HUGE JERK.
BUT ... YOU'VE SEEN NAT'S DOG. I TOLD NAT BEFORE WE PICKED YOU UP THAT THIS WOULDN'T WORK, AND SHE WOULDN'T LISTEN. SHE'S DETERMINED TO DO WHAT SHE CAN TO HELP OUT.
SHE'S ALWAYS SO SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL. SO IF THIS MAKES HER HAPPY, THEN I THINK IT'S WORTH DOING
AND EVEN IF WE DON'T DO THIS, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THAT GABE AND JESSICA ARE STILL GOING TO TARGET US.
MAYBE IF WE'RE LUCKY, THIS WILL SCARE THEM OFF A BIT?
I DOUBT IT, BUT WHATEVER. LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH

HI. I'M JESSICA HARPER I THINK I WAS PAGED HERE?
OH YES. THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN LOOKING FOR YOU
OH
I M SORRY, HE MUST HAVE LEFT
DID HE LEAVE HIS NAME OR A MESSAGE?
I'M SORRY, NO.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE?
WELL, HE HAD A STRANGE HAIRCUT BRIGHT CRIMSON AND GOLD WITH ... I WANT TO SAY A MOHAWK..?
WITH THESE RED. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'D CALL THEM
THAT'S FINE. I KNOW WHO THAT IS THANKS!
OF COURSE I REMEMBER WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE. AN IDIOT
KIDS TODAY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT STYLE IS ANYMORE


...YOU HOLD HER STILL, AND I'LL SHAVE HER.
OUT OF ORDER
I'M NOT TOUCHING THAT DOG
WE CAN'T DO THIS IF YOU DON'T
HOW ABOUT YOU HOLD HER AND I'LL SHAVE HER?
HAVE YOU EVER SHAVED A DOG BEFORE?
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER? WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE HER LOOK STUPID, NOT STYLE HER!
IT MATTERS. YOU MIGHT HURT HER IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING
I'LL GIVE HER TREATS TO DISTRACT HER, BUT SHE MIGHT STILL GET NERVOUS, SO I NEED YOU TO HOLD HER.
FINE.

SO WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
NOTHING. I THINK SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO MESS WITH ME.
WHERE'S LAVENDAR?
THEY TOOK YOUR DOG FOR A LAST MINUTE INSPECTION THINGY
WHAT INSPECTION?
HE SAID SHE MISSED ONE OF HER INSPECTIONS WHEN WE CAME IN.
UH NO?
I DO THIS SHOW EVERY YEAR. THEY NEVER TAKE YOUR DOG OFF ALONE
WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG?
WHO TOOK MY POODLE?!
I THINK HE WAS ONE OF THE SHOW VOLUNTEERS? REALLY TALL WITH BLONDE HAIR.

WASN'T HE THAT AWKWARD LOSER WHO'S ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THAT DUMB KIDS' ANIME?
OH! I THOUGHT HE LOOKED KINDA FAMILIAR!
MARK?
MAYBE? I DUNNO HIS DAMN NAME.
IT'S MARK. AND JUST LIKE THAT, THIS ALL MAKES SO MUCH SENSE

MUNCH
MUNCH
CHOMP
CHOMP
BEZZZ
HRRRRRR...
UM.
UH OH
YOU'RE OKAY, HOW ABOUT ANOTHER TREAT?
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF

ARF
ARF
D DOWN GIRL, NICE DOG...
HRRRRR...

ARF
ROF
RUFF
BZZZZT
PLMP
OH FUCK.

OH GOD
OH GOD NO!
PLEASE BE OKAY
PLEASE BE OKAY--
THE CANINE IS DEAD
SHE'S JUST--
SHE'S NOT DEAD!
SHES..
SHE'S OKAY! JUST..
RESTING?
SHE'S JUST.
SHOCKED. GET IT? LIKE.
SURPRISED?
CAUSE...
I SHOCKED HER..
HEH HEH.
SHE IS DEAD
SHIT
FUCK
SHIT
FUCK
SHIT
FUCKING FUCK
TERRY?
SHIT!
WHAT DID YOU SEE?!
PLEASE SAY YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING!
I... JUST WANTED TO ASK
ARE YOU SECRETLY TAKEO BLITZ?

TAKEO.. ?
OH, YOU MEAN THE BLITZ PHOENIX GUY?
YES!! YOU JUST ZAPPED HER! I SAW IT! YOU'RE REALLY HIM, AREN'T YOU?!
MARK, LISTEN..
THIS EXPLAINS SO MUCH!
NO, IT REALLY DOESN'T.
IS THE SHOW ALL REAL? ARE YOU UNDER COVER?
MARK--
ARE THE OTHER CHARACTERS REAL TOO?!
MARK--
CAN YOU TURN INTO A PHOENIX?!
THE DOG IS DEAD, AND YOU'RE ASKING ME ABOUT PHOENIXES?!
DEAD?
ARE YOU SURE SHE'S DEAD?
SHE LOOKS LIKE A BRATWURST ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

QUIT PLAYING DUMB! I KNOW YOUR IDIOT FRIENDS TOOK MY DOG! TELL ME WHERE SHE IS!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR DAMN DOG! AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY WENT!
YOU'RE TRYING TO RIG THE CONTEST, AREN'T YOU?!
WE HAVE OUR OWN PROBLEMS TO WORRY ABOUT WITHOUT YOU MAKING CRAP UP--
IS THAT THEM? LET ME TALK TO THEM
BUZZ OFF
WHERE ARE YOU GUYS?
TERRY'S GOT ELECTRIC POWERS LIKE TAKEO BLITZ AND THE DOG JUMPED UP AND HE ZAPPED THE DOG --
WHY ARE YOU TELLING HER THAT, DON'T TELL HER THAT!
YOU WANNA RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN?
TERRY'S [illegible] THE BLITZ PHOENIX! HE'S REAL!!
GIVE ME THE GOD DAMN PHONE

NAT, IT'S REALLY HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT THE DOG IS . BADLY BURNT
YOU'RE TAKEN!
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT
YOU ZAPPED HER!
PUT A SOCK IN IT, MARK...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. ARE YOU PLAYING SOME SORT OF GAME?
THE DOG IS DEAD.
WHAT
DO
WE
DO?
ARE THEY BRINGING MY DOG BACK?
HEY, I'M GOING TO HELP JESSICA LOOK FOR HER DOG, SINCE SHE THINKS SOMEONE TOOK IT
SO IF YOU SEE ANYTHING, LET ME KNOW, OKAY?
OH HELL, JESSICA FIGURED US OUT

WE'RE ON OUR OWN SHOULD WE JUST... LEAVE THE DOG HERE AND PRETEND WE DIDN'T SEE HER?
AT THIS POINT, WE SHOU
THERE IS A WINDOW BEHIND YOU
THE WINDOW!
UH, I DON'T THINK THOSE ARE BUILT TO BE OPENED.
CRACK!
OH.
TERRY?
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THE PLAN IS?
NYEHK!!

NONONO PLEASE DON'T--
WHOMP!
THKP!
NOW WE GET OUR STORY STRAIGHT

WE TOOK THE DOG OUTSIDE TO PEE.
SOMEONE JUMPED US, BEAT US UP, AND TOOK THE DOG
WE WERE GONNA BRING HER BACK, BUT WE GOT MUGGED! THAT GETS US OFF THE HHHHH
WOULD SOMEONE MUG US FOR A DOG?
SHE LOOKED LIKE AN EXPENSIVE DOG! WHY NOT?
THIS IS... A TERRIBLE IDEA.
THIS HAS ALL REALLY GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. WE SHOULD GO BACK AND BE HONEST. THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED EVENTUALLY.
HONEST?! YEAH, SURE! WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL THEM WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!
I'M SURE THEY'LL BELIEVE YOU! ESPECIALLY WHEN I DON'T BACK YOU UP, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW ABOUT MY POWERS!
WE'RE SCREWED NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, BUT WE'RE LESS SCREWED IF WE CONVINCE THEM SOMEONE ELSE TOOK HER.
BUT... HOW ARE WE GOING TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE WE GOT MUGGED?
HERE
BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ME
I'LL BE FINE, JUST HURRY UP

A BIT LATER
I'M SO SORRY, PLEASE DON'T BE MAD AT ME
I TOLD YOU TO DO IT. CALM DOWN
EVEN THOUGH YOU STARTED CRYING AND I HAD TO DO IT MYSELF.
BUT YOU'RE REALLY HURT!
IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY HURT, BUT WE GOTTA HURRY BEFORE IT HEALS.
IT... DOESN'T HURT?
I STILL DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON...
SO ARE YOU REALLY TAKEO BLITZ?
LOOK, I PROMISE I'LL EXPLAIN IT LATER. JUST LET ME DO THE TALKING ONCE WE GET BACK
LET ME LEAN ON YOU. I NEED TO LOOK MORE PATHETIC
SO BE HONEST
HAVE YOU EVER SHAVED A DOG BEFORE?
I'VE... SHAVED YOU
GOD DAMN IT

WE HAVE SOME WITNESSES SAYING THEY SAW THE BOYS TAKE MS. HARPER'S DOG...
IF YOU AREN'T ABLE TO BRING THE DOG BACK, WE'LL HAVE TO DISQUALIFY YOU FROM THE SHOW.
STAFF
I SWEAR I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE! I'M TRYING TO CALL THEM BUT THEY AREN'T ANSWERING!
IS THAT THEM?
OH MY GOD!
WHAT HAPPENED?! ARE YOU GUYS ALRIGHT?!
WE HAD THE DOG OUTSIDE BUT A GUY, A BIG GUY JUMPED US.
WE GOT AWAY BUT HE TOOK OFF WITH YOUR DOG.
MY DOG'S BEEN STOLEN?!
I'M SORRY, WE WERE GOING TO BRING HER BACK, BUT THAT GUY TRIED TO KILL US!
STAFF
CALL THE POLICE. GET THEM DOWN HERE.
POLICE?

>bmp<
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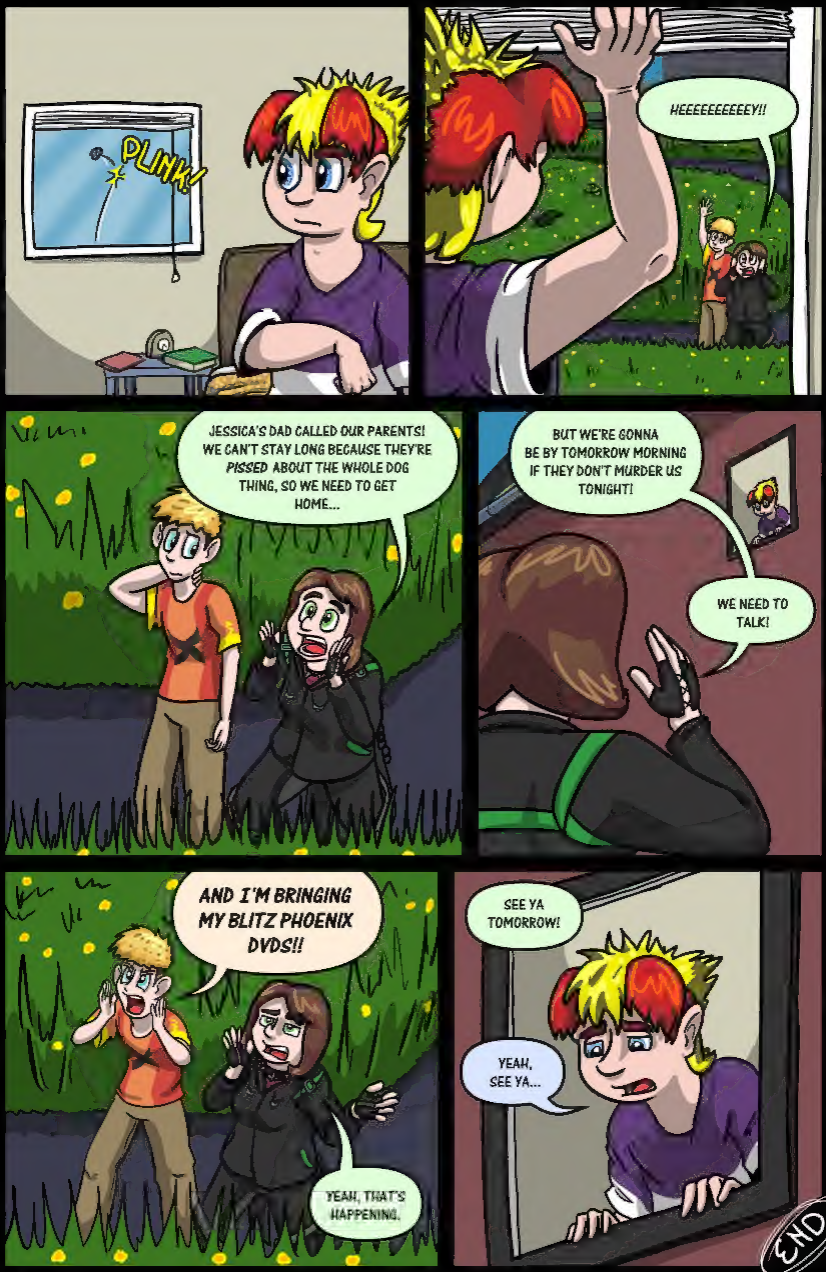
HYNE
HYNE
HYNE
HYNE
HYNE
HYNE
SPLAT!

Uhh, DO WE REALLY NEED TO CALL THE COPS? I MEAN, THE GUY'S ALREADY GONE.
SOMEONE STOLE MY DOG! WHY WOULDN'T WE CALL THEM?!
OKAY, WELL I THINK I'M GONNA GO HOME AND, UH, LIE DOWN.
YOU TWO NEED TO STAY TO GIVE THE POLICE REPORT
OH, UH RIGHT...
OH MY GOSH WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT DOG?
HYNE
HYNE
HYNE
HYNE

DING DONG!
I BELIEVE THIS--
--IS YOURS.
PLUNK!
I'M JUST...
GONNA GO TO MY ROOM...
...A'IGHT, WHADDID 'E DO?
SKRTCH SKRTCH

THE FUCK YA GOIN 'ROUND LIGHTIN' DOGS ON FIRE FER?!
YOU SOME KINDA PSYCHO?!
I--I DIDN'T--
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT--
WHAT, YA ACCIDENTLY DIDN'T?!
I DIDN'T LIGHT HER ON FIRE, I ELECTROCUTED HER!
WHY THE FUCK YA DO THAT?!
BECAUSE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
YER A FUCKIN' IDIOT! YER LUCKY 'AT SHITHEAD FELIX AIN'T PRESSING CHARGES, 'CAUSE YA GAVE 'IM PLENTY O' REASON TAH.
HE'S NOT PRESSING CHARGES?
'E AIN'T, AN' YA 'AVE ME TAH THANK FER 'AT, 'CAUSE I WORKED OUT A DEAL WIT' 'IM. YER GONNA MAKE UP FER WHAT YA DID.

AH FERGOT TA TELL YA, BUT A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, FELIX CAME O'ER HERE LOOKIN' FER YA. WANTED SOME SORTA *FAVOR.*
WHAT WAS IT?
WOULDN' TELL ME. SO AH TOL' HIM T'FUCK OFF. BUT THEN YA WENT AN' FRIED 'IS POOCH, SO 'E BROUGHT IT BACK UP.
YER GONNA GO O'ER T' 'IS PLACE TOMORRAH AFTERNOON. *JUS'* DO WHAT 'E WANTS.
YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN HIM TO SAY WHAT IT WAS.
SHUT THE FUCK UP. AH GOT 'IM TA NOT *CALL THE COPS* ON YER ASS, AN' THA'S ALL THE THANKS AH GET?
BE 'APPY 'E WAS FEELIN' NEGOTIABLE, 'CAUSE NORMALLY AH'D BE ANSWERING THE DOOR TO A *PIG.*
AN' DUN GIT THE IDEA THAT AH CAN JUST BAIL YER ASS OUTTA TROUBLE.
AH TOL' YA AH *AIN'T* YER DAD, AN' YER OLD ENOUGH T'HANDLE YER OWN DAMN PROBLEMS AN' OWN UP T'WHATEVER YA DONE DID.
AH ONLY SAID ANYTHIN' 'CAUSE FELIX WAS SAYIN' *AH* HAD T'PAY THE DOG'S DOCTOR BILLS, WHICH AH FUCKIN' *WON'T.*
SO THE NEXT TIME YA FEEL LIKE DOIN' SOMETHING FUCKIN' *STUPID,*
*DUN' GET CAUGHT.*


PLINK!
HEEEEEEEEEY!!
JESSICA'S DAD CALLED OUR PARENTS! WE CAN'T STAY LONG BECAUSE THEY'RE *PISSED* ABOUT THE WHOLE DOG THING, SO WE NEED TO GET HOME...
BUT WE'RE GONNA BE BY TOMORROW MORNING IF THEY DON'T MURDER US TONIGHT!
WE NEED TO TALK!
AND I'M BRINGING MY BLITZ PHOENIX DVDS!!
YEAH, THAT'S HAPPENING.
SEE YA TOMORROW!
YEAH, SEE YA...
END